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Frank's fruit this year are big and bountiful

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Mill's new owners aim for increased economic and energy efficiency

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Steve LaFreniere pulled into the Saunders Brothers parking lot in Locke Mills a little after 7 Monday evening — 15 hours and 300 miles after leaving home in Howland. Along the way he stopped for business meetings in Rockland, Portland, Alfred, Sanford, Fryeburg.

"I love to work," the new

co-owner of the local turning mill said.

Good thing, because he had plenty of that waiting for him here Monday — he spent his next three hours buried in the ongoing effort to unscramble the mill's chaotic records.

The mess was neither deliberate nor the work of the mill's former owners, he said, but of the foreclosure agent

used by the bank that shut down the mill.

"It was unreal," he said. "All the important documents you need to run a business were put in boxes, sealed up, stashed away under other boxes, and put on pallets."

And, he added, "the computers were swept."

Among the missing were customer lists and the track-

ing numbers needed to coordinate customers with completed job lots and jobs in progress.

"It's amazing how much work was in process," LaFreniere said, "but I guess when they shut these mills down they don't think of opening them up again."

Re-tooled product line When Saunders Broth-

ers does get up and running again, LaFreniere said, he and his partner, Louise Jonaitis, want its product line to be more economically efficient, and its physical plant to be more energy efficient.

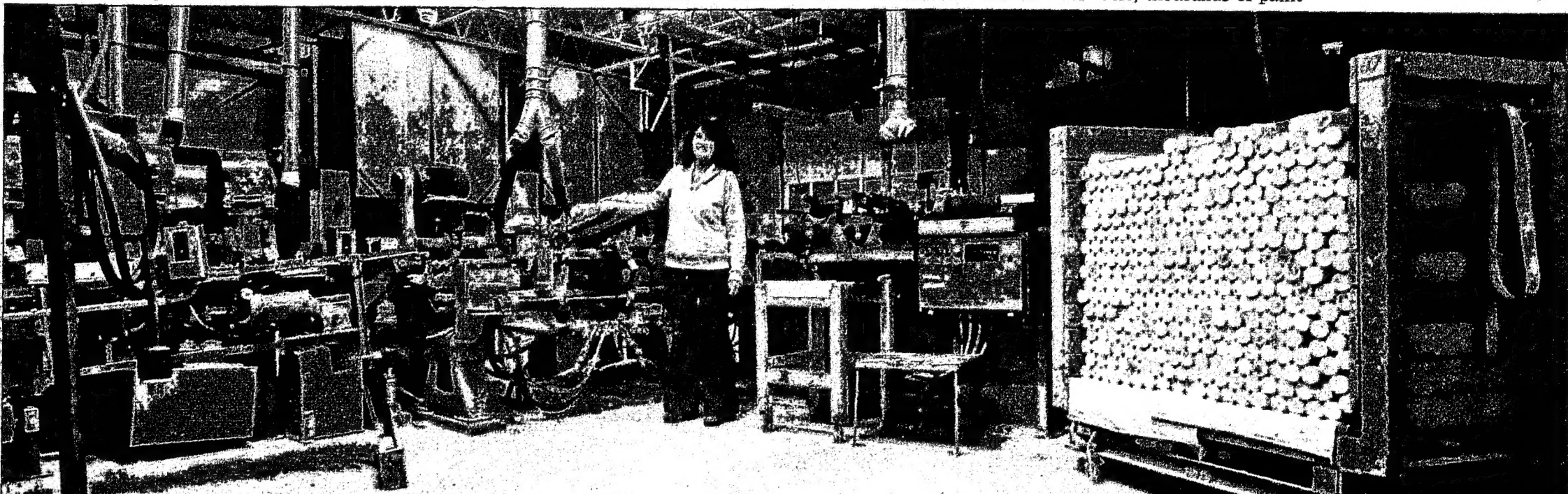
The mill's product line had been broad. In addition to dowels and rolling pins, Jonaitis said, it included: "handles for tools, thousands of paint-

brush handles, duck calls, parts for novelty items, the wood parts for little weaving looms, toy parts, honey-dip sticks."

And it was sold, she said, by merchants ranging from Wal-Mart to the more upscale J.K. Adams and William Sonoma.

But not all of those products

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FEEDING END OF ROLLING-PIN FINISHER—Louise Jonaitis, co-owner of the former Saunders Brothers mill in Locke Mills, shows where rolling-pin blanks (stacked right) start their journey on the machine where they are sanded twice (coarse, then fine) and sealed with natural wax. Last year Saunders Brothers annual rolling pin sales (from three mills) was \$1.5 million. (Photo: M. Daniels)

\$493,000 Water District grant/loan will help West Bethel tap into better drinking water

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Water District has received approval for a \$278,000 loan and \$215,000 grant to connect West Bethel with the BWD's main system, according to a press release from Rep. Mike Michaud's office.

In recent years the roughly 60 BWD customers in West Bethel have had problems

with water quality, with some complaining of high iron content and discoloration in the water that is supplied by two wells in that village.

The West Bethel users account for approximately 10 percent of all BWD customers, according to Brent Angevine, chairman of the BWD Board of Trustees.

The loan and grant, which

the BWD applied for a year ago, are through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development's Water Program.

Trustees will hold a special meeting Aug. 31, with USDA representatives and the BWD's engineer regarding the funds and the project, Angevine said.

"We haven't actually voted

to do the project yet. We want to get everyone together to make sure they're comfortable with the plan," he said.

If that is the case, he said, he would expect a formal vote to approve at the board's regular meeting in September.

The tentative plan calls for running a pipe from the sys-

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Fire that destroyed two Albany camps Saturday is termed 'suspicious'

By ALISON ALOISIO

When firefighters arrived at a fire scene on Albany's Patte Brook Road Saturday night, they found two adjacent camps and their outbuildings burned uniformly flat to the ground.

That circumstance, combined with several others, made the blaze suspicious, said Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey Tuesday.

The fire remains under investigation by the state Fire Marshal's Office, he said.

At about 9:20 p.m. Saturday the Bethel and Waterford fire departments responded to what was originally reported as a woods fire, Jodrey said.

Waterford Chief Adrien Morin happened to be at a nearby social gathering and was first on the scene, Jodrey said, and he quickly changed the call to a structure fire.

The camps, at least several decades old, were about 40 feet apart, with two of the outbuildings in between.

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UPTON HEIRLOOM—a 20-year-old quilt in the window of the Upton Church was part of the town's Sesquicentennial celebration Saturday. The quilt was designed by Mary Learned of Andover and hand quilted by Lucille Largesse. The 150th observance included a parade, cookout and many historical displays. (Aloisio)

Rock roiling Hanover

By ALISON ALOISIO

After a summer of debate over the future of a very large rock that sits next to the Howard Pond Road in Hanover, could the solution be to move it?

Louise Jonaitis, who represents one party in the controversy, thinks it's an option.

The rock first landed on a town agenda last spring, when the Planning Board reviewed an application from Glen and Suzanne LaForest of South Weber, Utah.

They wanted to build a log home next to the pond and, in the process, remove the rock, which sits between the home site and the road pavement.

But when some residents objected, saying that the rock had sentimental value for them, the LaForests' plan turned into a town debate that has continued through the summer.

In the meantime, the construction of the home, approved by the board, got underway.

Some of the parties involved now disagree on whether the application's approval stipulated that the rock stay or go.

X marks the rock

At the Selectmen's meetings in July and this month, the rock fell in the selectmen's laps. The gatherings drew between a dozen and 18 people.

Between those meetings, resident Bob Brown spray paint-

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Trappers will gather in East Bethel this weekend

By TERRY KARKOS

Sun Media Wire

Trapping enthusiasts from 26 states and two Canadian provinces are expected to attend this weekend's 34th annual New England Trappers Weekend.

Dealers are scheduled to set up today, Thursday, Aug. 26, on Olson's land at 760 East Bethel Road.

New to the event this year will be New York trappers Lynn Bold, a nationally famous trapper, and Johnny "the Legend" Thorpe, Olson said. There will also be a new campsite contest with winners chosen for Most Primitive, Cleanest, Most American, and Most Original.

Friday presentations feature Brian Palmer on "Canines" at

9 a.m.; Ruben Parker on "Pere Bunnell Hooping Beavers" at 10 a.m.; Bold on "New York Fisher" at 11 a.m.; Barry Weaton on "Time Management on Bobcat Line" at noon; Olson himself on "Beaver Trapping" at 1 p.m.; Jerry Braley on "Snaring Beaver Under Ice" at 2 p.m.; Mike Kazah on "Bear Trapping" at 3 p.m.; Bob Noonan with "some interesting raccoon sets" at 4 p.m.; a mini-auction at 6 p.m.; and Creature Catcher Dana Johnson on "Lures and Bait" at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's children's events feature an egg toss, sack race, tug of war, one-legged race, and an eel race at 10 a.m. by Jerry Braley, with trophies

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Letters

CROCKETT TO THE RESCUE

To the Editor:

It looked as though my concept of a Burma Bridge from Bethel Outdoor Adventure and Campground out to Hastings Island was headed for oblivion. The planning process in town had forced us to consider all questions, including that of ADA compliance. Wheelchair accessibility, in other words. The Maine Human Rights Commission at first rendered an opinion that the bridge would indeed have to comply, with wide walkways, applicable slopes, and resting places. Such engineering would have made this simple concept so complicated that it would have leaped skyward in cost, and put it beyond our reach.

Then in rode Jarrod Crockett, our Representative! Like his namesake of old, he was standing tall, had all six guns firing, had a true aim, and hit the mark smack bang in the middle (well, I may have mixed my metaphors here, but you get the point). Turns out that Jarrod, with his legal background and his legislative appointments, is uniquely positioned to help out. The commission looked again, reconsidered, took more information about design and intent — and came back with the green light!

So, if Bethel ever has access to a Nature Trail on the island which sits in its midst, if the Pathway is ever extended in this way by over a mile, and if the goats have an easier path out to their summer grazing, it will be because our representative, Jarrod Crockett, took his job seriously, applied himself with intelligent energy, and saw it through to the end. Thank you Representative Crockett!

Jeff Parsons
Bethel

RAIL EXTENSION MEETING

To the Editor:

There has been much discussion in the media about the extension of passenger rail to Lewiston, Auburn and beyond. The Maine Department of Transportation has funded a study entitled "The Lewiston/Auburn/Montreal Passenger Rail Feasibility Study," and a presentation of that study will be given on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Bethel Inn Resort. The Bethel Area Chamber has been supportive of this dialogue, as we believe having alternative transportation modes to western Maine will be extremely beneficial to our economy.

All interested are encouraged to attend, and no RSVP is necessary. For more information on the study, contact Don Craig or Bob Thompson at the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, 783-9186.

Robin Zinchuk
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

SADDENED BY VILLAGE'S LOSS

To the Editor:

We are pleased to see Breau's Too doing a brisk business in their newly renovated space. It's great to see activity after the building had been vacant for so long. Not having to drive to Bethel for food and gas is very convenient (we hope they also bring back movie rentals!).

As happy as we are about Breau's, we are equally saddened by the closing of the Feeding Friendly. We have enjoyed both the delicious treats and the friendly conversation with Wendy.

Although a lot of the local tourist dollars are spent in Greenwood, Bethel or Newry, most of these same visitors pass through Bryant Pond Village on their way to Mt. Abram, Bethel and Sunday River.

Having successful small businesses is a great way to capture some of these tourist dollars as well as provide services to the local community — we would rather spend our dollars here. It would have been great to have both Breau's Too and the Feeding Friendly in the heart of Bryant Pond Village. These complimentary businesses may have been a draw for additional businesses. Instead, it appears we traded one vacant building for another.

We do not know the nuances behind the current situation, but hope there are plans to attract and retain small businesses in our Village. We wish Breau's Too continued success, and believe that additional businesses would be beneficial to them as well. If someone stops to go into one business, they are more likely to check out the others.

As SKI Magazine illustrated, our Village has all the potential to be a must stop for locals and tourists alike, and this would be a true reflection of Bryant Pond as a whole. After all, this is Maine, "The Way Life Should Be."

The Ketchums
Bryant Pond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

ONE MORE 'GOOD GUY' GONE

To the Editor:

I thought of this one day while passing by Rocky Freda's place of business on the Sunday River access road.

I never knew Rocky very well. I used to drive by quite frequently on my way to work on houses in the area. I got to the point where I started to look forward to going by just to see if Rocky was there because he would inevitably take the time to look my way and wave with a rather wry smile. I understood what the smile meant because of a brief conversation we had a while back. He saw me on Main Street and walked up to speak to me. I could tell by his approach that he had something on his mind and I was about to learn what it was.

"Hey, how many times do you go by my place anyway? If I didn't know better, I would think that all you do is drive around all day."

He had the same smile when he asked me that as he did every other time he waved when I went by. It was a very loose connection, but one that served me well. I always looked for the guy that made that remark on that spot on the road and almost always got the predictable response that I wanted.

Sounds kind of lame, but I think that is what small towns are all about. Even if you don't really know all the people around you, you have a relationship with those people because you share such close quarters with them. I know that speaking for myself, I wave to almost everyone more out of habit than anything else. Most I don't really know, but I have been waving to them for so long they wave back. I suspect that many say something like "who the heck is that anyway?" Oh well, I would much rather wave to someone that I just don't know than to not wave to a friend.

I guess that my point is that we all know a handful of Rockies that pretty much make our days. Nancy Young was one of those for me. We lost her last week and I know that I will miss her for a long time to come. She was one of the "Good Guys" that I always looked forward to seeing just because. I know that my pain won't begin to compare to the loved ones that these guys left behind, but they left a hole in our community that can't easily be filled.

Don't ever underestimate the importance of just being one of the "Good Guys." We all need them.

Tony Andrews
Bethel

AN OPPORTUNITY LOST

To the Editor:

It is great to see a newly expanded Breau's Too in Bryant Pond Village. The store and restaurant will bring needed goods and services to the community and provide a place where people can socialize over a cup of coffee and some food.

While at almost the same time as the new Breau's Too is opening another Bryant Pond business is closing. We were saddened to see the shuttering of the Feeding Friendly. Our family has enjoyed visiting Wendy and purchasing some of her delicious baked goods. Having both stores open for business would have been good for Bryant Pond.

We realize that the situation is complex, but I hope that the town has a long-term vision for revitalizing the village. Regardless of people's opinion of the Feeding Friendly, most people would agree that having an additional retail presence in the village is better than another abandoned building. We would hope that during these difficult economic times the town will do what they can to support local businesses like the Feeding Friendly and Breau's Too and balance the greater needs of the community vs. the specific technicalities of various zoning laws.

Bryant Pond and the surrounding community have much to offer. We were hopeful that the village was going to have two complementary businesses. This would have reduced our need to travel to Norway or Bethel for goods and services allowing me to spend more money locally. The closing of the Feeding Friendly for many people in the area has reduced, not enhanced, the quality of life.

We wish Breau's the best of luck at their new location and are happy to see the old Village Store building open and thriving again. It would have been nice to have the building across the street open to all as well. Have we let an opportunity pass for an improved Bryant Pond Village with the closing of the Feeding Friendly?

The Wickersham Family
Bryant Pond

HELP WITH FIRST GRADE GOOD-MANNERS GUIDE

To the Editor:

I have mailed off my four books and 12 short stories and run out of ideas. My daughter, Michelle, stirred up my interest when she suggested my writing a good manners book. Therefore, I am planning to write a short Good Manners Guide for first-grade children.

Times have changed since I was a girl — languages as well as clothing — I'm sure you will agree with me on that. I would appreciate receiving your ideas for good manners for first-graders. Don't hesitate to write with humor, as I think a bit of laughter is something they will enjoy — in a dignified manner of course. If you have children at home you are in the position for all sorts of good ideas. It may make your child listen more to things you have been suggesting for months. They can even make a game of it with friends and not even realize they are learning something worthwhile. If I get a lot of similar suggestions, I'll have to take the one that came first or the one with more words.

Please drop off your suggestion(s) at my house, 16 Spring Street, Bethel or mail it to me: Susan Clement Farrar, P.O. Box 476, Bethel, ME 04217. Dateline: Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Thank you very much for your help.

Susan Farrar
Bethel

Water

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tem on the North Road across the bed of the Androscoggin River to Ferry Road in West Bethel, and then connecting to the West Bethel system. A fire hydrant would also be installed on Ferry Road, he said.

But even with formal approval in September, said Angevine, he does not expect work to actually start until next summer.

Time is needed to get the funding and necessary permits in place.

By the end of the project, said

Angevine, "West Bethel will be drinking the same water as Bethel."

The BWD has also applied for another \$100,000 grant from the Maine Drinking Water Program, he said, \$25,000 of which would have to be paid by BWD.

Those funds are specifically for the consolidation of what are now two separate systems for Bethel and West Bethel.

With that consolidation, much of the duplicate paperwork that must now go to the

state will be eliminated, he said.

Even with the new water, West Bethel will still be in need of additional infrastructure improvements, said Angevine. "A lot of work needs to be done. The infrastructure needs to be replaced," he said.

The BWD will retire a lot of debt in 2015, he said, possibly putting the district in a position to address those needs. The total cost to replace the infrastructure is estimated at \$3.5 million.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A brown pelt can was rescued from Twitchell Pond and taken to a wildlife rehabilitation specialist in Westbrook, where it later died due to malnourishment.

Bethel's Boston Post Cane was presented to Winona Billings, the town's most senior resident, on the day before her 101st birthday.

Parishioners of the Bethel United Methodist Church sponsored a lobster roll lunch to raise money for the Sunday School program.

Births: James H. Richardson, Jr., Tasker Alden Winslow.

Deaths: Gilman E. Tuell, Sr., John M. Famolle, Myrtle R. Bonney, Barbara D. Brown.

20 years ago: The Bethel Board of Selectmen accepted the resignation of Town Manager Rodney Lynch, effective Nov. 4, 1990.

Mountain bikers from across the East convened at Sunday River Skiway for the first annual King of the Mountain races.

Over 50 quilts were registered for the third quilt show hosted by the Middle Intervale Meeting House Society.

Death: Raymond Holder.

30 years ago: Telstar Regional High School graduate, Jackie Gammon, was a member of the Illinois State Champion softball team, the Casey Stingers, of Casey, Ill.

Employees of Hanover Dowel Company enjoyed their annual picnic at Abbott's Anchorage.

Births: Elizabeth Gene Blake, Tabitha Rae Mason.

Death: Winfield A. Whitman.

40 years ago: Progress was steady on the construction of the new bridge spanning Alder River on Route 26.

Birth: Scott Millard Fraser.

Death: Guy M. Crouse.

50 years ago: Mrs. Louise Lincoln was named GOP candidate or representative to the Legislature.

The steel and cement bridge over the Maine Central Railroad tracks in Rumford was nearing completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Snyder of West Bethel purchased the Judson Blake farm on the North Road, Gilead, and moved there.

Birth: Wayne Christopher Kichton.

Deaths: Mrs. Gladys Bartlett Tyler, Mrs. Minnie Bryant Jordan.

60 years ago: Contract for building the school house on the Crescent Grounds was awarded to Gerard Construction Company of Lewiston.

Paul C. Thurston was elected treasurer of Gould Academy.

Phillips Brooks was awarded the position of relief agent on the St. Lawrence division of Canadian National Railways which included stations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York.

Deaths: Frederick A. Tucker, George L. Mills.

70 years ago: New teachers announced at Gould Academy included: Miss Elizabeth Mutch, Miss Ann Griggs, Edmond Vachon, and Howard Chivers.

Construction of the Bethel Theatre was started. The building was to be 102 by 38 feet and have a seating capacity of 400.

80 years ago: The largest beryl ever found was shipped from the Bumpus quarry in Albany to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Deaths: Mrs. Mae Godwin, Frank B. Fogg.

90 years ago: Large crowds attended the entertainments of Community Chautauqua at Bethel, the largest crowd (900) was at the Saturday night performance.

100 years ago: Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago, spoke at Odeon Hall.

S. C. Whitman of Halifax, N.S., arrived to have charge of the Bethel corn shop for the ninth season.

Deaths: Mrs. Charles Powers, Miss Elmira Tucker, Almon T. Rowe.

110 years ago: Irving Smith had started his threshing machine and had quite a rush of business.

Mrs. L. E. Bean sold her mill at West Bethel to Merrill, Springer and Company of Dixfield.

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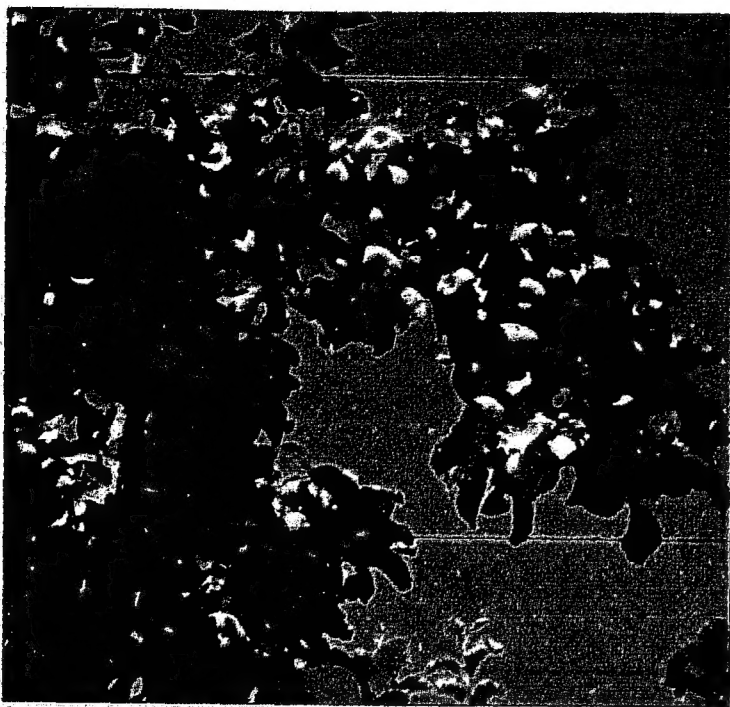
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WOODSTOCK CANE HOLDER—Alice D. Kennison, 98, of Woodstock, was presented with the Boston Post Cane this month by Woodstock Town Manager Vorn Maxfield. She has lived in Woodstock off and on for about 40 years, the last 20 years with her daughter Carol Cox. She was born May 27, 1912. The cane is presented to the town's oldest citizen.
(Submitted photo)

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APPLES, CORN, PUMPKINS, SQUASH—Local farmers and orchardists have them ready for area dinner tables early this year, thanks to a (mostly) early spring and sunny summer. But the fortunes of the crops were dependent on whether blossoms that emerged in a warm April escaped the frost and snow that quickly followed. Frank Gibson's apple orchard in Bethel dodged Mother Nature's icy nip, and his apple trees are ready for picking two weeks early. "I've never seen a crop like this (above)," he said last week. "So many and so big." Gibson has been growing apples for 43 years. The blossoms were saved from the frost, he said, because his location next to the Androscoggin River benefits from a downslope air current off the mountains. Lyon's Orchard on the Grover Hill Road also has an early crop and expects to be open this weekend, according to Beverly Warner, who co-owns the orchard with her son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Colleen Warner. They, too, escaped the frost. "We're on a hillside, and there's always a breeze," she said. In the fields of the Swain Farm in Bethel, "everything is two to four weeks early," said Lori Swain. That includes corn, tomatoes, and winter squash. And at the rate the pumpkins are growing, Halloweeners should reserve a larger spot for a Jack-o-Lantern in October. Swain also said they have a chance at an out-of-the-ordinary third crop of hay this year. For more on local crops, see this week's Bethel column, Page 5. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Fire

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But Jodrey said the burn patterns don't match with what would be expected in a fire that spread from one building to another.

In a spreading fire, he said, buildings should be at different stages of burning as the firefighters arrived. But all were already burned flat.

And there was no wind that evening, he said, another sign that flames were unlikely to spread.

In addition, said Jodrey, "There's no electricity out

there," and the gas appliances in the camps were all turned off.

The camps have one owner, from Massachusetts, who said he had been at the site late in the afternoon "puttering around," according to Jodrey.

But he did not use any appliances, Jodrey said.

The camps are located about two miles from Route 5.

The fire departments were on the scene until about midnight.

Trappers

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awarded afterward.

Saturday's presentations feature Maine guide David Wilson on a "Bear Trapping Demo" at 7 a.m.; Braley on "Fisher and Marten" at 8 a.m.; Jeff French of New York on "Water Animals Featuring Mink" at 8:45 a.m.; J. P. Wilson of New York on "Mink and Rats" at 9:30 a.m.; Johnson on "Live Trapping" at 10 a.m.; Bill Kasten of Pennsylvania on "Canines" at 10:45 a.m.; Larry Martin at 11:15 a.m. on "Western-Style Trapping" at 11:15 a.m.

Also, a kid's auction at noon; Olson on "Canine Trapping" at 1 p.m.; Newt Sterling of New Jersey on "Snaring" at 1:45 p.m.; Thorpe showing trap line tips and ideas at 2:30 p.m.; the firing of the cannon and a children's fishing contest at 3:30 p.m.; coon dog tri-

als with trophies at 4 p.m.; another auction at 6 p.m.; and dance to music by Second Chance Band.

Sunday features a church service with Pastor Lloyd Waterhouse at 8:30 a.m.

Other activities include Max Traps for fishing enthusiasts; moose racks on display by Alie Ladd; Bob Noonan, editor and publisher of new magazine "Trappers Post;" Steve Stone with chainsaw carving back to the Stone Age; Up Country Snowshoes; antique traps appraiser Roger Mason; and more.

Admission is \$5 per adult and \$5 per night camping. Food is available, but people seeking steak and lobster have to call ahead to Craig at 781-8959. For more information about the event, contact Olson at 875-5765.

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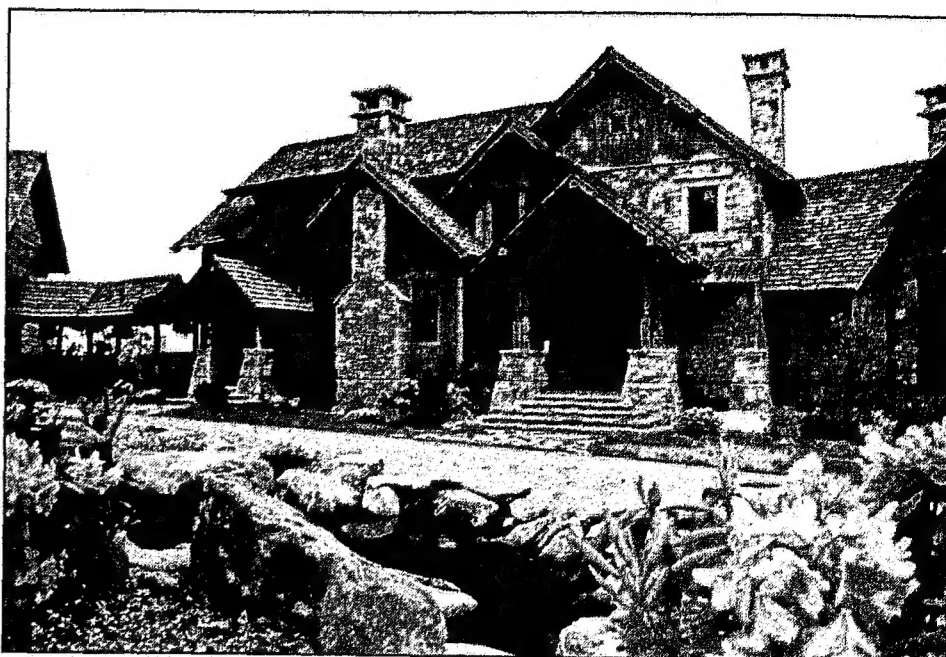
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Mill

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made much profit, her partner said, and that's a problem only growing worse as competition increases from low-cost producers in Asia and elsewhere.

That competition is especially keen in labor-intensive industries such as woodworking.

"They can produce profits at a lot lower cost per unit than we can," he said, so the company's product line needs to be culled to items that can be manufactured at a competitive cost.

And it always helps to eliminate layers of middle men, he said.

"We're looking to develop a core group of product we can

market direct to wholesalers or to the companies that actually market those products: the big catalogs and such," LaFreniere said.

The overall plan and marketing strategy is still a work in progress, he said, but "it will go beyond rolling pins."

For example, the company is looking at bundling some products, so customers can make gift packages, he said.

And, whenever possible, selling directly to end users.

On the energy front, LaFreniere said that in a wood-working mill, dust collection is "a very expensive system to operate," and the plant's current centralized system is far from energy efficient.

An energy consultant hired by the new owners is studying the feasibility of replacing it with an individual bagging station for each workstation.

Also under study is the possibility of replacing the mill boiler, which must run (and be attended) 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with a more modern boiler that could operate in eight-hour shifts, five days a week.

Calling it a day

Monday night, after completing his own three-hour shift in Locke Mills (good progress is being made on the records front, he reports), LaFreniere got back in his truck and drove the 165 miles home to Howland.



FOR THE BAKER Most everything wooden, from rolling pins to honey dipper. Steve LaFreniere, backed by some of the hundreds of small wooden items manufactured by Saunders Brothers.

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Rock

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ed several red X's on the rock. That prompted a vandalism complaint to the Oxford County Sheriff's Department.

Brown, who owns Plumbago Timber and Quarries LLC (located off the Howard Pond Road past the rock), said he had offered to remove it for the LaForests at a cost of \$1,000. He acknowledges he also has an interest in moving it, because it is a hindrance to his trucks.

But he also said it could be a liability to the town and to the LaForests, because of safety. The X's, he said, were intended to make it more visible to drivers.

An engineering consultant retained by the LaForests offered the opinion that the rock, in combination with the driveway location, is a hazard.

But, said Town Clerk Clem Worcester, a Maine Department of Transportation engineer, offering an unofficial opinion, said that with a 20 mph speed limit, the current sight distance from the drive-

way is acceptable, but that it would also benefit from trimming some trees and from having a mirror installed to see traffic from the driveway.

In addition, said Worcester, the town had the road at that location surveyed. "It's a three-rod road, and the rock is entirely within the road right-of-way," he said.

Therefore, said Worcester, the property owners do not have the right to remove it.

Last week selectmen voted 2-1 to allow the rock to remain. Brenda Gross and Frank Morrison voted in favor, with Richard Stratton opposed, according to Worcester.

Gross had noted at the July board meeting that the rock had been on the site since the LaForests bought the property, according to that meeting's minutes.

Jonaitis, who is a partner with Brown in PTQ, recently began representing the LaForests on the issue, at Brown's suggestion, she said.

She argues that because the Planning Board approved the



BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD POLITICAL PLACE—This glacial erratic rock, deposited by ice, has been the subject of hot debate in Hanover for much of the summer. Glen and Suzanne LaForest, who are building the log cabin at right, want to remove it to allow better and safer road access from their driveway. Bob Brown agreed, and in July painted X's on the rock to make it more visible, he said. "It seems unfair that [the LaForests] can't do what they want with their own property," he said. "They've got a nuisance rock and they shouldn't have to contend with it." In a comment attributed to pond resident Bob Susbury in the minutes of the July selectmen's meeting, Susbury

construction of the home, the LaForests have a reasonable assumption that they should be able to access the driveway and garage without excessive maneuvering around the rock.

She said that after objections first arose about removing it, the LaForests said informally they would look into changing the driveway to a horse-shoe shape around the rock, but they then determined that plan would not work.

Jonaitis said other rocks along the road have been removed because they are hazards, and this one should be no exception.

In the minutes of the May 5 Planning Board meeting, at which the LaForests' building permit application was approved, mention is made that a surveyor had determined there was adequate space to build a house and garage without removing the rock. But the entry describing the vote itself only notes that the permit was approved and that the board voted to waive the sight distance requirement for a driveway entrance.

On June 17, the LaForests wrote to the selectmen asking that they "reconsider approval for immediate removal 'the rock' before an unforeseen mishap occurs."

Next steps

Jonaitis said she is currently exploring several options. She has contacted MDOT about formally evaluating the safety situation.

Another possibility, she said, would be for the town to give half the rock to the LaForests. In that case, she said, it would likely be broken down and turned into a retaining wall. The other half could be moved elsewhere.

But, she said, her first choice for solving the problem is to move the rock intact.

She said, for instance, it might be moved to another part of town, just as the library had been moved from the Howard Pond Road several years ago.

"We can love the rock in a different location," she said.

Hanover selectmen, meanwhile, decided to consult an attorney about the case, and about whether or not to pursue vandalism charges against Brown, Worcester said.

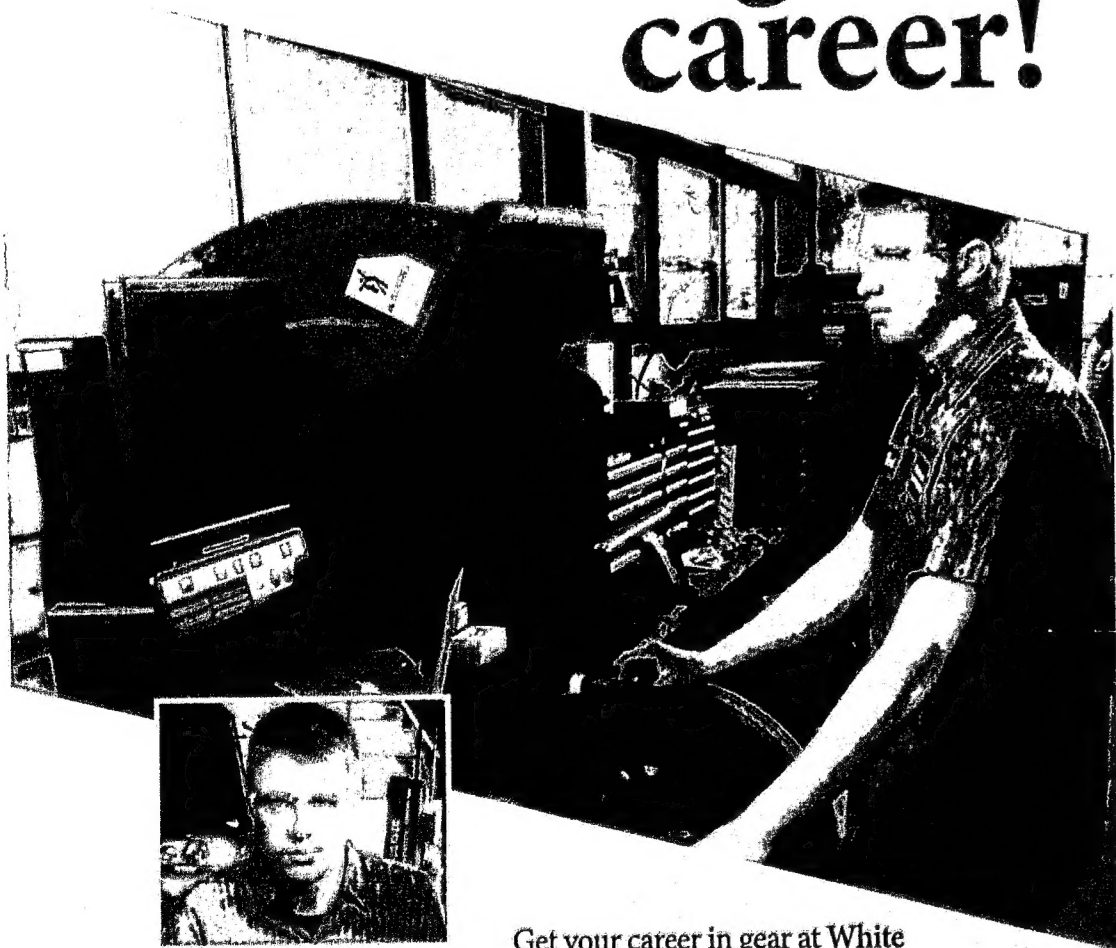
Asked Monday about the vandalism complaint, Sheriff Wayne Gallant said a deputy had handled it, and at this point, "Our involvement has ended. This is a property dispute as to who owns the rock."

(Note: A call to two people reportedly opposed to removing the rock was not returned by press time.)

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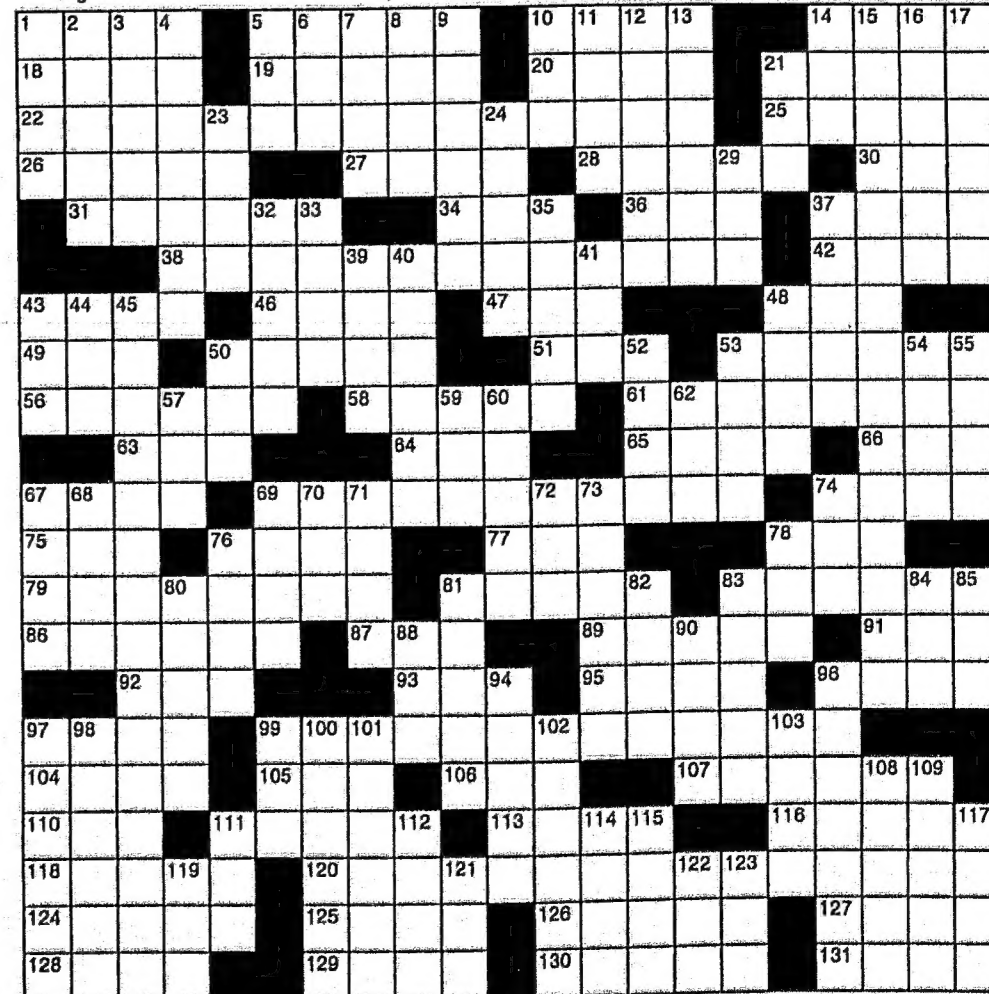
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Bethel

By Donald Bennett
Coming Up

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26, 27 and 28 at Neil Olson's, East Bethel - New England Trappers Weekend.
Aug. 28, Sunday River Tough Mountain Challenge - a 10-stage race (See Sunday River's website.)
Saturday, Sept. 18 - Harvest Fest on the Common; Bethel Historical Society Barn Tour

held in conjunction with the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce's "Harvest Fest," self-guided tour of a dozen or more local barns runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

School News from Superintendent Murphy
"Aug. 20, 2010. We are in the process of readying things for the start of the school year next week. At this point, all of our full-time openings have been filled and we are finalizing buildings and grounds projects to ensure that we are all set for day one.

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log:

Monday, Aug. 23

At 9:59 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to the Intervale Road for a report of children left unattended. It proved to be unfounded.

At 11:01 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy received a report of an intoxicated person at a Mason Street location. The subject had left the area prior to the deputy's arrival.

At 7:54 p.m. Deputy Dani Welch responded to a residence for a report of the theft of several items.

Saturday, Aug. 21

At 1:37 a.m. Deputy Robert Ryder responded to Main Street for a report of two intoxicated subjects being loud. Their friend had left them stranded. The deputy gave them a ride to their motel.

At 1:52 a.m. on the McCrillis Brook Road Deputy Robert Ryder arrested Dennis Walley, 45, of Bethel for domestic assault and criminal mischief.

At 5:40 p.m. Deputy Robert Ryder responded to the Flat Road for a report of a burglary.

Friday, Aug. 20

At 12:08 p.m. Lt. Hart Daley received a report of a suspicious person at a Route 2 business. A transient person with physical disabilities was traveling through the area.

Thursday, Aug. 19

At 8 a.m. Lt. Hart Daley received a report of a male adult possibly involved in illegal activities associated with alcohol usage at the Bethel Skate Park.

At 3:19 p.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby received a call asking for information about whether there was an age limit on a child playing with a BB gun.

Wednesday, Aug. 18

At 3 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis received a report of a vehicle stolen on Main Street. The vehicle was located, and no theft had occurred.

At 10:19 p.m. Deputy Dani Welch responded to Railroad Street for a report of three subjects standing outside a business asking for money. The three had left the area prior to the deputy's arrival.

Oxford County Jail:

Aug. 22, 10:02 p.m.: Scott L. Coffin, 41, of Woodstock, terrorizing, aggravated criminal trespass; by Trooper Jason Wing in Woodstock.

"Our elementary schools recently completed their Kindergarten Bus Safety Day for our newest enrollees! This is a special opportunity for our new K children and their parents to take the bus into school before the start of the year. During the visit, they learn about bus safety under the direction of Mr. Ron Deegan, our Transportation Supervisor, and get a chance to meet their bus drivers, Mr. Deegan and the principal also spend some time with parents discussing transportation issues.

"Our laptop program will continue to be an area of emphasis this year. Students in grades 4-12 now have access to this technology and we will be continuing to focus on staff development training. The state Maine Laptop Initiative (MLTI) has made a compilation of past Webinars available online that focus on a wide array of topics and they will continue to add to those in the coming year. We intend to take advantage of those for additional professional training for our staff.

Webinar is a virtual seminar on line. Depending on the software, facilities and seminar organization, the participants may be able to communicate with the seminar presenters by chat rooms or sending e-mail questions and comments."

(Next week I should have a brief report after meeting with Transportation Supervisor Deegan on the various transportation initiatives that are in the offing for SAD 44.)

Outward Bound

This season the Outward Bound classes at the Newry Mountain Center expect 220 students. Generally all students arrive and are met at the Portland Jetport, then go to the Newry center to "check in." (Checking in has been re-

ferred to as the Alice stepping through the looking glass experience for students.) Nearly all courses that run out of the Newry Mountain Center include both backpacking and canoeing. Where they begin their expedition just depends on which phase is first. For the canoe phase students go to Cupsuptic Lake/River for that part of their expedition. The expedition - either backpacking or canoeing - in a somewhat demanding natural environment defines the Outward Bound classroom.

Caroline Blair-Smith is the Outward Bound Maine Programs director; her office is at the Bean building in Newry. The Newry center plans to be open nine months a year. When the Newry center is closed Ms. Blair-Smith works from her home in Albany. Currently there is no winter program in Maine. A combination of the state of the economy and dwindling interest has cut down enrollment to the point that the Maine winter program was dropped.

Outward Bound's classes for Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans have proven hugely popular. Whereas, in general, Outward Bound class enrollments are teenage high school and college students, veterans coming for Outward Bound expeditions range in age from their late 20s to their 40s. The appeal of a natural, undisturbed, uninterrupted, non-threatening experience and a chance to talk with contemporaries about their combat zone experiences seem to be the main incentives for vets to come to Outward Bound.

Another maybe less well known feature of Outward Bound classes is time allocated to community service. Besides the days of expedition classes for developing individual and supervisory skills,

students are scheduled for community projects to bring these responsibilities to their awareness.

Readers write:

Dave "Fuzzy" Thurston emailed me after reading last week's Bethel news to bring up a famous name, Rowland Evans, Jr., that is linked to our greater vacation area - the Richardson Lakes. In maybe the late 1980s Mr. Evans had a camp built on the eastern shore of Upper Lake Richardson, above the Upper Dam. Mr. Evans was one of the dynamic duos in the famous Evans and Novak team of columnists. According to some sources, he was infamously listed in President Nixon's enemies' notebook.

When Randy Bennett was

preparing Herbert P. Shirreffs' book, "The Richardson Lakes - Jewels in the Rangeley Chain," for publication, Mr. Evans was one of the sponsoring donors. The book was published by The Bethel Historical Society and printed at Smith and Town Printers, Berlin, N.H., in 1995. Rowland Evans, Jr., died in 2001.

Fuzzy also mentioned Mr. Charles Cutting, an Andover resident, who worked at the U.S. Patent Office as a Patent Examiner and Supervisor - more about Mr. Cutting next week.

Farm Stand Roundup

Capen Hill Farm: Bud and Joan Howe operate the Capen Hill Farm, Est. 1820, farm stand on Middle Intervale

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August 26, 2010

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On or about September 3, 2010, Maine State Housing Authority will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Housing Choice Voucher Program homeownership assistance funds under Section 8(o)(13) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake a project known as Koskela Road, Bryant Pond Project for the purpose of acquiring an undeveloped 1.98-acre parcel of land at 253 Koskela Road in Bryant Pond, Maine, and the construction thereon of a three-bedroom single-family home. USDA-RD will provide acquisition and construction financing for the project. Maine State Housing Authority will provide monthly homeownership assistance payments under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Maine State Housing Authority, 353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Maine State Housing Authority, Attention: Environmental Review Coordinator. All comments received by September 2, 2010 will be considered by Maine State Housing Authority prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Maine State Housing Authority certifies to HUD that Dale McCormick in her capacity as Director of Maine State Housing Authority consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Maine State Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Maine State Housing Authority's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Maine State Housing Authority; (b) Maine State Housing Authority has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public Housing, 10 Causeway Street, Room 553, Boston, MA 02222. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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also accounts for the low water level. One wonders why they're not there.

Jane Hosterman just returned from a week or so of vacation in Massachusetts, visiting daughter Susie and son Richie. Susie drove Jane home over the weekend and was busily repairing window shades for Mom when I called. Jane said she had a wonderful time with her offspring, but as always, it's nice to get home, too.

We have been enjoying our avian visitors at the feeders. The window tray outside the living room is usually busy, although most of the time it's occupied by those bullies, the bluejays. They are such pretty birds but behave too much like their cousins, the crows. Outside the sun-room windows we see lots of hummingbirds, chickadees, tufted titmice, goldfinches, red-breasted nuthatches, and purple finches. So far (knock on wood) the squirrels haven't figured out how to reach these feeders that hang from the eaves.

The weather smiled on Westleighs' big family reunion on Saturday. There were forty guests from all over Maine and parts of Massachusetts. One of the highlight activities was a jigsaw puzzle that one of the cousins had made out of family photos that Linda Westleigh provided. Linda said that the cousins spent about two hours putting it together, with, I'm sure, lots of good schmoozing going on in the

process. Everyone brought a dish to share at the potluck meal, and all agreed they had a wonderful time.

I would love to hear from you about your goings-on. Please reach me at dhoeh@megalink.net or 824-2917.

Newry

By Seneca Corriveau

Happy Thursday to you! For many of you today was met with mixed emotions as your little ones began a new school year. Watching them walk away my heart strings grow taut. It is a struggle to loosen those tightly tied tethers that we, as parents, hold. Stepping ever close to their own sense of freedom and independence, they crossed over the threshold into school and into the trusted care and tutelage of someone else. This day is a powerful rung in the ladder of life but I can't help but resist the climb. Don't you want to just pull them back and make them stay little and completely dependent forever?

Perhaps your little ones are all grown now, off and married with lives of their own. In Newry this weekend there were two such instances of new bonds and lives begun. Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Brittany Fields' ceremony was held on the front lawn on the Twitchell Brook Farm and all in attendance were relieved that the weather held clear until after the ceremony. The bride was radiant, Britta-

ny looked as if she could have stepped out of a page in Vogue alongside Norma Jean and Marilyn. Numerous bridesmaids flowing purple, adorned with lilies trailed down the aisle behind the groom and his entourage of men in black. Stinka, the four-legged daughter of the bride and groom, all two pounds of her, was escorted down the aisle by the maid of honor. Gus, tail-wagging and bow tied, was present to assist with seating. The happy couple are vacationing in Hawaii.

Kevin Johnson and Eden Bartholomew were also joined in matrimony Saturday. They were married at the Bartholomew's up in the upper end of the valley. Father and mother of the bride worked diligently to create an Eden in which their Eden became, not just daughter, but wife. The atmosphere held an air of mystique as the soft sunlight filtered in through the canopy of trees and splashed upon the lush mossy grass below. The bride was escorted to an arbor of flowering vines and berries by her father, met by the maid of honor, best man and the groom. Eden and Kevin shared their pledges of love for each other surrounded by family and friends, each silently offering up their love and support for the new couple.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Fields and the Johnsons as they embark on a new journey and a lifetime of love and happiness!

Andover

By Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. The school buses start rolling today, Thursday. Welcome back to school! We sure are thankful for another year of the Andover School remaining open.

Happy belated birthday wishes last week to Josie Robinson on the 21st, Alan Theriault on the 23rd (who shares a birthday with his grandmother) and Joshua Farrington on the 25th. Birthdays this next week are Leo Kersey IV on Saturday and Buddy Simmons on the 30th.

The First Congregational Church invites the community to attend worship services on Aug. 29 when special guest Rabbi Jon Haddon of Connecticut will be delivering the message entitled "What Endures." There will also be special music by the choir for the occasion and coffee fellowship following the service. Please plan on attending.

Sympathy is extended to several Andover families who have lost loved ones in the past week.

Anna and Mark Snyder, for the loss of her sister, Michelle Outlet. Michelle passed away on Aug. 8, after a brief illness. She was the daughter of Alcide and Beatrice Gallant of Andover. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated in Errol, N.H. Besides her sister Michelle is survived by two sons, Daniel and Jacob, her husband Bob, two brothers and another sis-

ter.

The family of Nancy Bailey Young, who passed away on Aug. 16, Nancy grew up in Andover, the daughter of Clarence and the late Frances Bailey. Funeral services were held in Bethel last week. Memorials in Nancy's memory are requested to either the Pleasant Valley Bible Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 91, West Bethel, or to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Ste. 250, Dallas, Texas 75244.

Dr. Terri MacKnight, who lost her battle with Lyme Disease on Sunday, Aug. 15. Terri is survived by her son Michael, and his father Dirk MacKnight of Andover, her mother and father of Pennsylvania, a brother and a sister. A memorial service was held on Monday at the First Congregational Church in Andover, with the Reverend Jane Rich officiating.

Results from the Andover Historical Society Flower Show on Olde Home Day are: Arrangement of your Choice, 1st Sue Mills, 2nd Carolyn Taylor, 3rd Eileen Pew; Wooden Container, 1st Sue Mills, 2nd Jane Rich 3rd Polly Johnston; Wildflowers, 1st Debbie Averill, 2nd Sue Mills, 3rd Eileen Pew; Herbs and grasses, 1st Ellie LeComte, 2nd Jane Rich, 3rd Pam Percival; White flowers, 1st Lisa Neighbors, 2nd Jane Rich, 3rd Jean Lewis; Arrangement in Basket, 1st Dianne Bouchard, 2nd Jean Lewis, 3rd Carolyn Taylor; 12 years and younger, 1st Shay-

lee Morton, 2nd Ayla Neighbors, 2nd Amica Jolicour, 3rd Victoria Averill, 3rd Brooklyn McLaughlin; Mug cup/ saucer, 1st Sue Mills, 2nd Polly Johnston, 3rd Jean Lewis; Remembering someone special, 1st Kaye Moren, 2nd Debbie Averill, 3rd Polly Johnston; Single specimens, 1st Wayne Kerchner, 2nd Sue Mills, 3rd Karen Swan; House plants, 1st Kaye Moren, 2nd Sandra Clement, 3rd Viola Worcester; Honorable Mention, Leon Akers; Best of show, Kaye Moren; Judges award, Debbie Averill.

Thanks to this year's judges, Crystal Alexander and Carol Neilson.

Enjoy the weekend.

Upton

By Laurie Brown

Although I saw it with my own eyes, it's still hard to believe that 18 floats were in Upton's sesquicentennial parade! Not only that, but Upton has, for the first time ever, a crosswalk, albeit a little crooked!

There are two new signs on either side of town depicting Umbagog Lake, some town buildings, one has a moose, the other has a deer. Hopefully they'll remain in place for a long time, but if they come up among the missing - keep your eyes and ears open as to their location.

The celebration was deemed a success by folks who attended and by all those who

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helped out! The weather was gorgeous until about 6, when it rained enough to chase the square dancers and the dj inside the schoolhouse.

The newly formed Upton Historical Society wishes to thank all the helpers and patrons who helped make their displays and sales a success. Members enjoyed meeting friends they hadn't seen in a long time, making new friends, and sharing a little of Upton's history. The society is deemed to continue to get even bigger and better!

The quilt show in the church was absolutely spectacular. Wilma Rector and helpers expertly arranged some of the most beautiful quilts I've ever seen - sure hope you didn't miss it!

Bridgette Norman made enough money at her table to buy some earrings from Margaret Mitchell, and a few other goodies and still had a little left over. Bridgette's earrings went superbly with the dress she wore to the square dancing, where she learned some dance steps and had a great time. The Ladies Aid members appreciated all the help that Bridgette and her family gave them, before, during and after the celebration.

Pat Kenyon won first and third prize in the floral contest and Barbara Stratton won second place. Kathleen Rupy won second place in the photo contest, Ginny Williamson won third place. First place was a beautiful scenery entered by Mr. Fuller. Lexi-ann Hart won first place in the children's photo contest and Bridgette Norman won second place. Ellie LeComte won first prize in the pie baking contest.

Margaret Mitchell, who will be 95 years young next month was the Grand Marshall in the parade. She rode

with Bob Pepler in his '55 Chevy. The winning float in the parade was created by Lou Bernier. It was entitled "Back in the Day" and displayed old-time tools, with Lou sawing a log with a buck saw, a wood cook stove, with smoke coming out the chimney as it traveled down the road, and many other "olden day" displays. Dick Angevine's float won second place. Dick was riding his old John Deere tractor and the trailer was beautifully decorated with flowers and old-fashioned items. Jim and Wilma Rector were riding on the float.

Cindi Casco won first prize in the skillet throwing contest, Laurie Brown won second place, Deena Bennett won third and Amy Connolly won fourth. Thanks for setting up the game, Nancy Thew.

Deena Bennett, a member of the Ladies Aid Association, made a beautiful "Happy Birthday, Upton" cake which was served for dessert at the spaghetti supper.

There were so many, many people, Ladies Aid members, their families and friends, patrons, vendors, entertainers, spectators, the Oxford County Sheriff Department, and the Historical Society members who all worked together to make this Fun Day/Sesquicentennial celebration a success that it'd be impossible to mention them all. Thanks so much - all of you. It wouldn't have happened without you.

If you have any pictures that you took at the celebration and would like to share them in the Bethel Citizen, please e-mail them to aaloisio@bethelcitizen.com. Thanks for sharing.

Don't forget there will be a special Town Meeting on Sept. 2. The articles are posted at the school house.

Have a wonderful week. Se-lah

Hanover

By Clem Worcester

The children that tend the children's garden for the summer program with Gardner Roberts Memorial Library completed their first harvest on Wednesday, Aug. 18. They picked string beans and sold them to finance next year's garden. They picked enough zucchinis for each child to take one home at the end of the day. After all the hard work they had a treat. Homemade hot fudge sundaes, mmmmm!

Herb Adams is recovering at home following surgery for a hip replacement. He is reported to be progressing well. Have a quick recovery Herb!

Two bicyclists from New Zealand stopped to chat with the grass cutters at the Hanover Cemetery last week. They admitted their trip did not start in New Zealand. They were biking from Montreal, Canada to New Orleans. They like to stop along the way to visit with roadside workers. Several years ago they did the same thing in Europe.

Here is a reminder: The Rumford Grange will have their annual yard and bake sale on Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Rumford Center Grange hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A light lunch will be available. Call Vicki at 364-2139 if you're interested in renting a table. Also call Vicki or Donna at 364-7895 if you would like to make a donation.

The Hanover Select Board had their monthly meeting Aug. 17. The Board decided to consult an attorney relating to several legal matters. The recently completed audit was discussed and the date for the annual Town Meeting was tentatively set for Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Hanover Town House. They also discussed town roads, town buildings, solid waste and Planning Board minutes. The meeting was quite lengthy lasting for two and one half hours with 18 seasonal and year-round residents attending.

Erik Bindl, the World Guy, and his son, Ethan, began their hike for diabetes April 22 in Washington, D.C., while rolling a huge canvas earth. Their trip concluded at the

top of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park on Aug. 18. You may remember that they walked through this area at the end of July when the Bindls and their dog, Nice, came walking down Route 2. They are now retracing their walk but in a car this time. As of last Sunday they were in Massachusetts.

School starts today. Please be extra careful around the school buses and make sure all the students get to school and home again safely.

Mason

By Richard Grover

We had a busy week last week, with meetings or supper dates every evening from Tuesday to Saturday, mostly for one birthday or another. Our family has lots of August birthdays. The Saturday meal was a church supper at the West Bethel Church, and that is always an excellent meal.

As I indicated last week, Brother Rupert has a reputation for his well-established sense of humor. Another example follows.

Quite a few years ago, while I was home on leave, he told me this one. It must have happened in the '60s or '70s when he still had the '36 two-door Chevy coupe. He had bought the car about 1953 from a woman in Norway who had always kept it in the garage and had put only 10,000 miles on it. The car engine still had the original tan paint on it when Rupert got it for \$100. The whole car was a tan color until 1957, when he loaned it to me to drive Rupert Jr. to Gould Academy; that year I painted the fenders bright green to cover up some of the rust. I returned the car to Rupert after I graduated from Gould.

Rupert was driving down Kings Highway in the tan/green coupe and slowed down to turn right on what is now Meadowbrook Bridge road. He had to wait for a car turning on to the Kings Highway from the opposite direction. He recognized the other car as belonging to the local game warden. As Rupert turned right, heading for Albany, he saw the warden's car

stop, turn around and start following him. "I told the wife he must have seen something on our car and wants to check it out. Watch me give him a thrill. So I stepped on the gas, sped around the corner, up over Meeting House Hill and down the other side, turned right at the four corners and headed toward Crocker Pond and the Albany Town House. I left a great cloud of dust as I headed towards the Hibbard place where Joan Gamble lives now; then I slowed down after I got onto the narrow road through the woods where the game warden couldn't get by me. He stayed right on my tail all the way through the woods till we came to the stop sign at the intersection with Route 5. He stopped right behind me, got out and walked around behind my car and came up to the driver's door. That splotch of red paint on your trunk lid looked mighty suspicious when I first saw it! Then he got back into his car and drove off."

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt

Franklin Grange 124 held a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 16. Final plans were made for the 135th anniversary celebration and reports were given on fixing the porch.

On Sunday, Robert Hoyt and friend, Lisa, were callers at the Ken Hoyts. Also on Sunday, Maggie Hoyt made a short visit to her father's, James and Charlene Hoyt, and grandparents, Ken and Alice Hoyt. She leaves on Saturday, Aug. 21 for Washington, D.C. for her second year at Gallaudet University. Soccer practice starts and she plays soccer.

On Saturday, Aug. 14, Ken and Alice attended a retirement party at Crossroads Restaurant for her sister, Leatrice Chase. Also attending from town were James and Charlene Hoyt.

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, the children and teachers from the Baptist Sunday school visited Gray Animal Farm.

Thursday, Sept. 2, the Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Masonic Hall. Meeting at 11:30, dinner by the Star Birthday Club

and program by Marybeth Hoover. She will show her pictures and tell of her trip to Papua, New Guinea.

Whitman Memorial Library program on Sept. 9 will be Floyd Keniston speaking on his experiences at Pearl Harbor on Sept. 7, 1941. Everyone welcome. No charge. Light refreshments.

On Wednesday afternoon several of Ken and Alice Hoyt's family traveled to Fort Williams for a picnic and farewell party for Maggie Hoyt, who leaves for college on Saturday. A great time was had. It was a beautiful day and a lovely place to have a picnic. Saw a beautiful sunset on the way home.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, worship service at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Saturday, Aug. 28th is the church picnic at Arlene MacKillop's. Sunday, Aug. 29, at the evening service the speaker will be missionary to Spain, Arnold Belascos.

Historical Society

At the August meeting of the Historical Society it was voted to keep the same officers as last year. Floyd Keniston gave a ledger to the museum. The next meeting will be Sept. 11 at the museum and program will be a video on Sturbridge Village. Paul Billings watched the museum recently. The museum features local memorabilia, art, furniture, glass, china, vintage costumes, quilts, posters, tools, farm implements, old photos, and books. They welcome your patronage. Society members serve faithfully as volunteers for the good of this nonprofit organization.

The museum is now closed after a successful summer season.

West Paris

By Joyce Lamb

At last some rain to green the lawns. The past week was almost perfect with warm days and cooler nights. One morning the Cotton Tops were wearing sweaters to start the walk but most shed

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them before finishing the two miles.

On Sunday, Aug. 29, the Rev Scott Jones will conduct the service at the West Sumner Unitarian Universalist Church at 11 a.m. There will be christenings during the service. A Chinese auction will be held during the coffee hour. All are welcome.

Cynthia Lamb entertained family on Sunday. Those present were Natalie Morse, Nathan, Angela and Landon Morse, Mandy Malonson and Bruce and Lily.

Last week my basement was insulated with foam, so Muffin and I spent the a.m. in the camper. She was not happy. We had our lunch there and pretended we were camping. By mid afternoon all was aired out and we returned to the house.

For years I have been writing about my life bit by bit and now have it ready for the first critic to go over. There are now about eighty pages with many episodes to be added. One event leads to other events so there is no end in sight. With the computer the events through the years can easily be added in anywhere. My children asked for this for their Christmas present. Hours of writing and rewriting!

Albany

By Sheila Dyke

Okay, my first question is: Where did the summer go? Oh, I know according to the calendar we still have a month of summer, but, really, is it re-

ally still here? The days and nights have been cooler, the kids are returning to school already - just seems to me that I may have missed something along the way.

The Church will be having its final supper of the season Thursday, Sept. 2. The proceeds from this supper will be going to the scholarship fund. This is, indeed, a worthy cause as it helps students from Albany who go on to college. We all know that every penny counts. And, of course, you get a wonderful meal and excellent company to dine with.

I realized the other day that the Barton's Farmstand had some produce at their farmstand. I feel badly - I haven't stopped yet. So, I'm hoping that I'll have something to purchase the next time I'm out. But, if you are passing by, stop. I don't know what they have available, but it's always worth a stop.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week.

God Bless and Keep.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham

August is drawing to a close and September will soon be upon us.

School begins this week - for some it is Wednesday, for some Thursday, and for others Friday. Be careful of stopped school buses and kids at bus stops. Around here, our fifth and sixth graders will be transported to Harrison Elementary. Good luck to them. We also will begin a pre-K class. That will give those students a leg up when they start kindergarten.

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On a personal level, David and I will be having a house warming and 7th Anniversary party on Sunday, Sept. 5, starting at 1 p.m. Please come and see our new house and celebrate with us. Bring a dish to share with others as we all did at our wedding. If I can get my printer working - Oh it is apparently networked somehow - David will have flyers at work.

Condolences go out to Jim Young and family at Nancy's passing. She will be missed in the Bethel community.

Condolences also go out to the family of Frances Pike. She passed this Monday.

This Thursday, ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families) meets at the Waterford library from 10 to 11:15 a.m. All interested can get more information at 739-9115.

The Knit and Chat group continues to meet the first and third Monday at 2 p.m. at the Waterford Library. All are welcome.

The Wilkins House will have an indoor yard sale on Saturday, the 28th, from 8 a.m. to noon.

That is on Plummer Hill in Waterford just past the church and beyond the commons.

Sunday, Aug 29, the Democrats will have a BBQ fundraiser from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the University of Maine 4-H Camp on Lake Christopher. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 under 10.

To reserve tickets call 875-2116.

Stay healthy and happy and have a great week.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz

This week sure just flew by! When you read this the kids are spending their first day back in school. So, please, be careful, alert, and watch for the kids and school buses.

Neil Olson called me last week to give me an update on the Maine Black Flies. First off, a correction to what I wrote for information last week. The team was attending a tournament in Cooper Town, N.Y., rather than Cooper Town. This was my mistake, sorry.

The latest information I have is that at the time of his call the team had four wins and two losses. On the 18th the single elimination games were starting. I will let you know what the final standing of the team turned out to be, as Neil is extremely busy right now with the New England Trapper's weekend coming right up. He sure has done a great job making certain preparations before he left with the team by putting up signage and tents. Thank you, Neil, for all your hard work and efforts for the neighborhood and area youths!

You may already have noticed that Jarrod Crockett is on the campaign trail again this year. He, too, is a great asset to our neighborhood. Do hope you will support him again.

Last week, Jarrod was in Augusta for Judiciary Committee hearings. They reviewed the resumes and applications of several individu-

als who are seeking either appointment or reappointment as judges to the Superior or District Court. It was a non-partisan process and they found all the candidates qualified.

Cherri Crockett let me know that she completed 22 miles of the 38-mile Grafton Loop Trail in two days. Sadly she couldn't finish at the time due to a knee injury. She loved the scenery and can't wait to do the west side of the trail once her knee heals again. You are quite amazing, Cherri; we are all thinking of you and wish you a speedy recovery.

I had kind of thought that my last Trivia question was easy, yet am surprised that this time there were only two responses. Thank you, as always, to Charlie Newell and also Nancy Mercer.

The purpose of the book was to raise funds for improvements to the so-called Bartlett Cemetery, which lies beside the River. In particular to erect a fence in order to keep the cows out. Now it is time for some more reading to come up with the next Trivia question for you.

Remember, never hesitate to either call me 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with question, tips, news or anything you want to share.

Enjoy your week.

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Democrats annual BBQ

Congressman Mike Michaud and Libby Mitchell, candidate for governor, will be the guests

of honor at the Oxford County Democrats Annual BBQ at the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Leadership Center on Lake Christopher in Bryant Pond. The event will be held on Sunday, Aug. 29, starting at 4:30.

County Democratic Chair Cathy Newell announced that Maine Democratic Party Chair Marianne Stevens of Kingfield and House Majority Whip Seth Berry are among the party leaders who are planning to attend. "We are looking forward to conversation with our guests and to honoring our own legislative and county office holders and candidates," Newell stated. "Our annual BBQ is a great time for Democrats to enjoy a traditional summer event and a wonderful kickoff to the many activities leading up to Nov. 2 in this important election year."

Candidates attending, in addition to Libby Mitchell and Mike Michaud, include John Patrick, Senate 14, Laura Ordway, Senate 13, Chad McGrew, House 91, Matt Peterson, House 92, Sheryl Briggs, House 93, Terry Hayes, House 94, Russ Newcomb, House 95, Helen Rankin, House 97, Lisa Villa, House 98, Colin O'Neill, House 100, as well as Roy Gedat, County Treasurer, Patricia Shearman, Register of Deeds, and Bob Kirchherr, County Commissioner 3. The facilities of the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Leadership Center are open to attendees, includ-

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Community Calendar

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Aug. 26, 27, 28
8 p.m. - **Deertrees Theatre Festival** presentation "Two for the Seesaw." Tickets: \$20/\$10 students available The Cool Moose, Bridgton (647-3957), The Country Sleigh, Naples (693-6753), Fair Share Co-op, Norway (743-9044) and Deertrees Theatre.org.

Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 26-28
34th Annual Trappers' Convention at Neil Olson's, 760 East Bethel Road. Demonstrations, contests, music, auction, etc. Lots to do for all ages. FMI: 875-5765.

Friday, Aug. 27
7 p.m. - **Open Mic Night** at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. \$3 donation at door; refreshments available. FMI: 743-2828 or heather@heatherpierson.com.

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 27-29
Car Enthusiasts Getaway Weekend in Bethel headquartered Bethel Common and Bethel Inn Resort. Expected: Porsche, Corvette, MG, Austin Healey, Mustang, etc. FMI or reservations: (800) 654-0125 or visit bethelinn.com.

Saturday, Aug. 28
8 to 12 a.m. - **Indoor Yard Sale**, at Wilkins House, Plummer Hill (next to Church), Waterford. Proceeds benefit building maintenance.

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Yard Sale/Food Table**, Locke Mills Union Church.

9 a.m. - **Bake Sale** at Bethel Foodliner by Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion. Contributions of food for the sale can be left at Brooks Bros., or brought directly to sale.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Maine Wildlife Park**, Gray: meet Jeannette and Derek Lovitch, owners of Freeport Wild Bird Supply for help with wild bird feeding. Admission \$7 adults/\$5 seniors/\$7, ages 5-12/free age 3 and under. FMI: 657-4977 or visit www.mainewildlifepark.com or www.mefishwildlife.com or Facebook.

5 p.m. - **"Memories of Music" Festival**, at Magic Lantern Theaters, Main Street, Bridgton. Doors open 4 p.m. Amateur Music Talent Competition 10 p.m. \$15 tickets include 9 bands, spaghetti buffet, popcorn, snacks and admission to Amateur Music Competition. Cash bar. Organized by Dancing Trees. Purchase tickets at Magic Lantern Theater, Keoka Beach Camping Area, Dancing Trees (539-2670). Bring the family.

8 p.m. - **Deertrees Theatre Festival** season finale features Karen Montanaro, Boston band Ginger Ixex and more. Tickets: \$14/\$12/\$8 available The Cool Moose, Bridgton (647-3957), The Country Sleigh, Naples (693-6753), Fair Share Co-op, Norway (743-9044). Box Office (743-8452 and Deertrees Theatre.org).

Sunday, Aug. 29
4 p.m. - **Concert** by Anni Clark at Bethel common. Free. Bring chair. Sponsored by Mahosuc Arts Council.
4:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats BBQ** fundraiser University of Maine 4-H Camp, Lake Christopher, Bryant Pond.

Tickets: \$20 pp/under 10 years \$5. To reserve tickets: 875-2116.

Monday, Aug. 30

7 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center**, Berlin, N.H., features VISHTEN Arcadian Band. Tickets: \$12 adults/\$6 students/\$10 St. Kieran series members. Sold at door.

Tuesday, Aug. 31

4 p.m. - **Bethel Water District** special meeting at Bethel Town Office meeting room with USDA Rural Development to discuss funding.

8 p.m. - **Deertrees Theatre Festival** presentation of "The Tough Cats" (Acoustic Rock and Roll. Tickets: \$20 available The Cool Moose, Bridgton (647-3957), The Country Sleigh, Naples (693-6753), Fair Share Co-op, Norway (743-9044) and Deertrees Theatre.org.

Wednesday, Sept. 1

4 to 6 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 824-2289 for more information.

7 p.m. - **Greenwood Historical Society** meeting at Historical Building, Locke Mills. Program: Wooden Bowls made by Ekco mill, by Cubby Swan. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, Sept. 2

11:30 a.m. - **Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens** meeting/dinner at Masonic Hall, Bryant Pond with dinner by Star Birthday Club and program by Mary Hoover.

5:30 p.m. - **Church Supper** at Albany Congregational Church, Hunts Corner Road. Menu: Baked beans, casseroles, salads, rolls, brownbread, pies, beverages. Cost: \$7 adults, \$4 for 12 and under.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 2, 3, 4

8 p.m. - **Deertrees Theatre Festival** presentation of "The 39 Steps." Tickets: \$20/\$10 students available The Cool Moose, Bridgton (647-3957), The Country Sleigh, Naples (693-6753), Fair Share Co-op, Norway (743-9044) and Deertrees Theatre.org.

Friday, Sept. 3

5 to 8 p.m. - **Frost Farm Gallery**, 272 Pikes Hill, Norway, exhibit and meet the artist, Katie Selva's "Life, Death, Color and Light" photography.

Saturday, Sept. 4

5 p.m. - **Public Harvest Supper**, Blazing Star Lodge, Route 232, Rumford Corner. Menu: potato-corned beef-ham-cabbage-carrots-beets-turnip, squash, bread, coffee, punch, pie. Adults \$8, under 12 \$4. Takeouts. Second seating 6:30 if needed. Stair chair on back stairs. FMI: Joe Roy 364-4715 or concordpond@roadrunner.com.

Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, hurch Street. 5 to 6 p.m. Supper (\$7); Dance 6:30 p.m. (\$5).

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 4 and 5

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. - **Country Folk Music Theatre**, Route 2, Dixfield, closes summer season with Country Jamboree on Saturday and country music and a Minnie Pearl Look-A-Like contest that is free. New musicians perform every 30 minutes Saturday. FMI about the weekend: Larry Bisbee (645-4411) or e-mail mainebiz@localnet.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Bryant Pond 4-H Camp Golf Classic at Poland Spring Golf Course. 18-hole team scramble fundraising event to send kids to

camp. FMI, register or be sponsor: 665-2068 or <http://extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond/golf%20classic.asp> or visit www.umext.maine.edu/bryantpond.

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens** meeting/dinner (\$12) at Rooster's Roadhouse. Reservations must be sent to either Arlene Lowell (824-2877) or Nancy Haines (824-3350) by 10 a.m. on Sept. 6.

4:30 p.m. - **"The Lewiston/Auburn/Montreal Passenger Rail Feasibility Study"** presentation at The Bethel Inn Resort. All interested encouraged to attend. FMI: Don Craig or Bob Thompson, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (783-9186).

Sept. 22 and 25

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** plays at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open.

Sept. 12 thru 18

Oxford County Fair, Oxford, Maine.

Monday, Sept. 13

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** gathering at Waterford Library with discussion on "What is the Responsibility in a Free Society?" Facilitator: Jim Kearney. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Monday, Sept. 13 and 27

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshop at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or register: (800) 281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

5 to 9:30 p.m. - **Supper/Dance** at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Music by Boulder Ridge Orchestra (Betty and Norm Decoteau, Linwood Cash, Wayne Cox). Doors open 4 p.m. Supper: chicken pie and all fixins. Adults \$10, Children \$3.

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17 and 18

Upper Andro Two Fly Contest and Northeast Drift Boat Championship: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday - Two Fly Contest; Friday 3 p.m. Northeast Drift Boat participants launch from Bethel Outdoor Adventure, Route 2, Bethel, with finish line at Davis Park, Bethel. FMI: www.upperandro.com.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 17, 18, 19

8 p.m. (Fri. Sat.) 2 p.m. (Sun.) - **Celebration Barn Theater**, 190 Stock Farm Road, South Paris presents Sally Jones in "Mrs. Smith Goes to Washington." Tickets: \$14 adults, \$12 seniors (63+), \$8. In advance: call box office (743-8452). FMI: www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Bethel Harvestfest and Chowder Cookoff. Fun for all. Maine baked potatoes, chowders, chainsaw carving, local music, free horse-drawn wagon rides, fly-tying and casting, historical barn tours, apple picking, arts and crafts. Tickets on sale at 11 a.m. for Chowdah Cookoff. FMI: call 824-2282 or visit www.bethelharvestfest.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshop at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FM or register: (800) 281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Open House** at Bethel Early Learning Center, 44 Cross Street (next to Casablanca Cinema), Bethel.

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The program will begin with a Meet and Greet Social Time at 4:30, followed by a cookout meal with all the fixings including Carters' corn, at 5:30 in the dining hall. There will be an introduction of guests and candidates following the meal.

Hosts for the BBQ to date include John and Claire Patrick, Bob Duplessie, Jane Rich, Nancy Willard, Jim and Rosemary McLean, Miriam Laster, Helen Rankin, Jon Albrecht, Neria Douglass,

Sharon Treat, Seth Berry, Bill Kieffer, Paul and Cindy Dumas, Roy Gedat and Julie Peterson, Colin O'Neill, Trey Ours, Cathy Newell, and Jan Stowell. The County Democrats are grateful for the host contributions that allow the event price to be kept affordable while raising essential funds for the campaign.

Additional hosts and sponsors will be announced at the event.

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Tickets for children under 10 are \$5.

To reserve tickets call 875-2116 or e-mail cathyn@megalink.net.

WMSC annual meeting

Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church. Non-members who wish to join are invited to attend. Following the brief business meeting, the group will adjourn to the grounds outside in back of the church for a social activity. They will enjoy memories of summer camping, which will include a barbecue, campfire, and sing-along with some interesting "folk tales."

Membership renewals and class registrations will be taken upon arrival, although

members are urged to renew and register for courses in advance. Anyone who renews their membership or joins before Sept. 1 will have their name entered in a drawing for a \$35 gift certificate to Books 'n Things.

Election of new board members will take place during the business meeting. Those nominated to serve three-year terms include Bonnie Marien, Peru; Norman Millard, Greenwood; and Mary Haberman, Bethel. Current board members elected to serve second three-year terms include Marcia Foster-Austin, Dan Johnson and Marvin Ouwinga, all of Bethel.

Those planning to attend the meeting are asked to RSVP by Monday, Sept. 3, to Eileen Meisner at the Adult Education Office, 824-2780, or e-mail meisnem@sad44.org. WMSC is a community of adult lifelong learners who actively seek new knowledge

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Membership is open to anyone ages 50 and over, with an associate membership for interested persons under the age of 50. For more information, contact Meisner.

Mundt Allen Legion events

The Unit will hold a Food Sale at the Bethel Foodliner on Aug. 28 at 9 a.m. and all members are reminded to help in this fundraising effort.

The annual Post picnic was held on Aug. 15 and was very well attended. It was a pleasure to welcome fellow American Legion Family members, William and Lesley Mack, visiting the Bethel area from Florida along with their daughter and grandchildren from Connecticut.

Members joined the residents of the Western Maine Veterans Home for a BBQ which was followed by the County/District meetings. Special guests for the Auxiliary meeting were Department President, Nancy True from Gray and Second District President Doreen Heath from Lisbon.

There will be a Benefit Forum for all Women Veterans of Maine (prior Military Service: Active, Guard and Reserve) at the Veterans' Home on Friday, Sept. 17, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. Briefings will include medical care, disability compensation, nursing home, counseling, support groups, spouse benefits, home loans, service organizations, Maine Veterans' Home eligibility, mobile outreach clinic, Maine Veteran Cemetery information and an opportunity to network with other women veterans.

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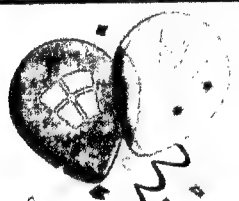


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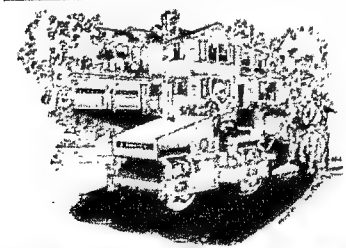
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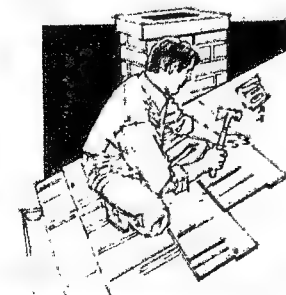
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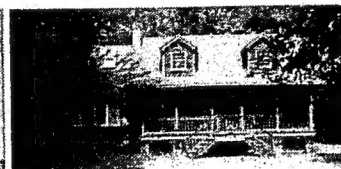
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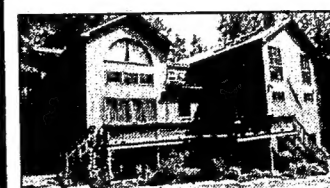
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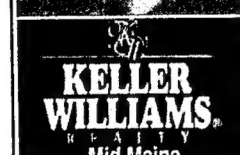
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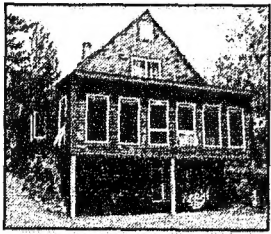
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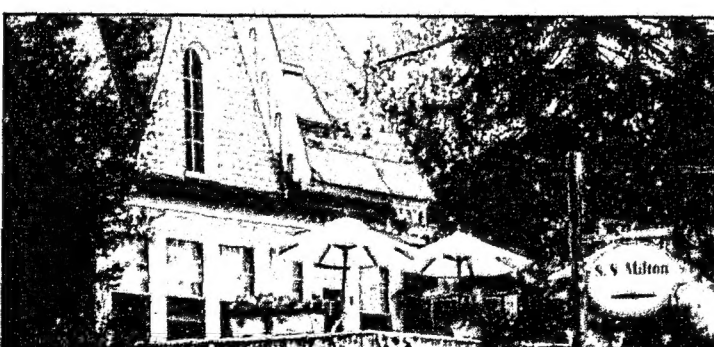
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Obituaries



SIGMUND J. SYSKO

Sigmund J. Sysko of Lewiston, Maine died on Monday, August 16. He was the oldest of three children of James and Victoria Sysko, born May 18, 1920 in Bellows Falls, Vermont. He graduated from Bellows Falls High School as valedictorian in 1938. He attended the University of Vermont, graduating with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in the class of 1942.

Upon graduation he joined the Philco Corporation in Philadelphia, Pa. and worked in its World War II APS-15 Radar Engineering Laboratory. After the war he remained at Philco and participated in various engineering programs including mobile telephone, monochrome and color television and reliability studies of all types of components. A major part of his work involved the study and overview of the safety aspects of all consumer electronic products manufactured by the corporation and their compliance with the safety regulations of the Underwriters Laboratories.

On April 28, 1945 he married Eunice Watts in Germantown, Pa. Eunice, whom he met in his undergraduate days at the University, died in 1998. He is survived by his four children, James Sysko of Newry, Maine and his partner Patrice Thibodeau, Mary Ellen Cramer and her husband Richard of Stroudsburg, PA, John Sysko and his wife Helen of Pittsburgh, PA and David Sysko and his wife Holly of Lewiston, Maine. Eunice and he were proud grandparents of nine children. As of his passing, Sigmund was the happy great grandfather of four, with one more on the way.

Sigmund is fondly remembered by his special friend, Connie Bernier, with whom he enjoyed many card games, needed errands and fun travel excursions. Thoughts, condolences and fond memories may be shared with the Sysko family by visiting their guest book at www.thefortingrouplewiston.com.

JAMES J. ROBERTS

James J. Roberts, 66, of Main Street, Fryeburg, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010 at Bridgton Hospital.

He was born May 9, 1944, in Greenwood, Maine, the son of Wendall F. and Alice Felt Roberts. A 1965 graduate of Woodstock High School, he loved to hunt, fish and enjoyed traveling. He was a quiet, well-mannered man with a heart of gold and liked to care for the elderly. He attended church services held in his home and did the work of an evangelist.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Roberts of Fryeburg; daughters, Katrina Betten-court of Sante Fe, N.M., Kandi Roberts and granddaughter, Brandie Nies of North Grafton, Mass.; three sisters, Elsie Seames and her husband Peter of Greenwood, Lenona Cole of Greenwood, Marilyn Howe and her husband Wayne of Bryant Pond; three brothers, Duane Roberts of Greenwood, Carl Roberts of Danville, Leslie Roberts and his wife Georgina of Norway.

He was predeceased by his parents, four brothers: Albert, Stanley, Kenneth and Philip Roberts; and a sister, Florence Seames.

Services were held Friday, Aug. 20, at Wood Funeral Home in Fryeburg. Memorial contributions may be made to Fryeburg Rescue, P.O. Box 177, Fryeburg, ME 04037. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.woodfuneralhome.org.

WILLIAM A. GIBBS

William A. Gibbs, 63, a longtime Woburn, Mass., resident, passed away at his home Sunday afternoon, Aug. 1, 2010, surrounded by his family, following a long illness. He was the beloved husband of Gail (Kasey) Gibbs for nearly 40 years.

Born and raised in Rumford, Maine, he was the son of Viola

(Barnett) Gibbs, now of Mercer, Maine, and the late Arthur C. Gibbs. Following his graduation from high school, he completed his education at East Coast Aerotech in Bedford, Mass., where he studied aviation repair.

He worked for General Electric for 38 years until his retirement three years ago.

An avid sports fan, he played baseball and football in his high school years, and later was very involved in the sporting activities of his children and grandchildren.

"Grandpa" rarely missed a game in which one of them was participating. He also enjoyed watching Patriots' games with his family.

Mr. Gibbs spent a great deal of time with his family at their vacation home at Long Lake in Naples, Maine. His favorite pastimes there were having his coffee on the dock and going out on their pontoon boat.

Surviving along with his wife Gail, and his mother Viola Johnson, are three children, Derek Gibbs and his wife Patti of Bradford, Mass., Brandon Gibbs and his wife Coral of Billerica, Mass., and Danielle Gibbs and her long-time companion Alex Bren of Woburn, Mass.; a sister, Cheryl Bouchard of Jacksonville, Fla.; and five grandchildren, Kayla, Cameron and Courtney Gibbs and Taylor and Casey Bren. He was the son-in-law of Jean Kasey of Lexington, Mass.

A funeral service was held in the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, Woburn on Wednesday, Aug. 4. Burial followed in Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn.

Donations may be made in Bill's memory to the Hospice of the North Shore, 75 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923; or to the American Lung Association, 460 Totten Pond Road, Suite 400, Waltham, MA 02451.

Births

Megan Mack and Kevin Davis, Bryant Pond, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Aleah Belle Davis, born on Aug. 7, 2010, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Lisa Mack, Bryant Pond.

Paternal grandparents are Janice and the late Sheldon Davis of Norway.

Aleah Belle joins her siblings, Jordan, Taryn and Lexi Jayde.

Doreen M. Haley and David L. Haley, Jr. of Albany Township are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Dakota Micheal Haley, born on Aug. 16, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Donald and Roberta Morin of Albany Township.

Paternal grandparents are Kathleen Haley and Wyatt Andrews of Waterford and David L. Haley, Sr. and Angel Haley of Pinellas Park, Fla.

She joins a sister, Katherine, age 8.

Jessica and Jonathan Campbell of West Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Jady Leann Campbell, born on Aug. 2, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital,

weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Dorothy Farrar of West Paris and Mike and Lori Birass of New Bedford, Mass.

Paternal grandparents are Jeff and Debbie Campbell of Woodstock.

She joins her sister, Jennifer Lynn Campbell, age 2.

Chris and Casey Robinson of Albany Township are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Damian John Robinson, born on Friday, Aug. 13, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Charlotte Kane and Bolo Smith of Brockton, Mass.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Yvonne Robinson of Stark, N.H.

Damian John joins his brother, Erik Robinson, age 5.

Meagan Murphy and Matthew Gordon of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Jaelynn M. Gordon, born Aug. 18, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Joy and Glenn Murphy of Manchester, Tenn.,

Paternal grandparents are Lisa Buckman of Rhode Island and Peter Gordon of Bethel.

Thank You!

Many thanks to those that make my days "special". So many memories over the years. It all will be remembered.

Thanks again!
Juanita Haines

To all my dear friends

and relatives who shared my 80th birthday with me.

You all made it very special.

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~ Elaine Pike

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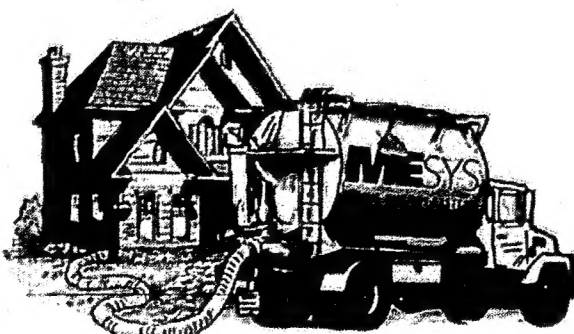
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She went missing on Saturday at 2pm by our house on Greely Lane, which is off of Paradise Road near the bottom of the hill and not to far from Vernon Street.

Coco is less than a year old and is not used to being in the outdoors by herself and she is need of her daily medication.

She responds to her name and she has dog tags with my contact info.

My name is Marilyn and my cell number is 617-378-8347

and you can call me anytime with any information about Coco.

We live just outside of Boston and we will come up anytime to pick her up. We just hope she is okay and my son and daughter are praying for her safe return to our family.

Super Crossword

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